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THE STATE PURCHASE OF PRIVATE RAILWAYS.

The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, through its President, Mr. Shibuya Yeiichi, has addressed a Representation to the Government and a Petition to each House of the Diet, urging the advisability of the State's purchasing the four principal private railways. This action on the part of the Chamber is not new. It took similar steps in the time of the Matsukata Cabinet and the last session of the Diet, but the dissolution of the Lower House and the subsequent resignation of the Cabinet defeated the Chamber's purpose. The Representation and the Petitions now forwarded are duplicates of those previously presented, but the Chamber appends a strongly worded covering document, in which it declares that the reasons formerly operative are to-day more urgent than ever, and that not an hour should be lost in carrying out the project.

The Government is already face to face with the necessity of making a large appeal to the foreign money market. A sum of 170 million yen, in round figures, has still to be raised in connection with the post-humane programme and the scheme of railway expansion. If to this we add 150 millions—the general estimate is 200 millions—on account of the State purchase of the four principal private roads, the total sum to be raised abroad becomes 320 million yen. The interest on that amount is 12,800,000 yen, if the loan can be floated at 4 per cent, and 16 million yen (15 per cent) has to be paid. In other words, 123 million yen now spent annually in the country would flow out of it. Of course, after a time, the greater part of the borrowed money would begin to be productive. Roughly speaking, that would be the case with fully 200 millions out of the 320, and if 6 per cent were earned on the 200 millions, the interest on the foreign debt would give no trouble. But these borrowings abroad are not entirely *condemned*. We do not mean to suggest that the money market would be tightened or anything like depression would result from the operation. On the contrary, about 250 millions of the borrowed funds would be spent in the country during the next 15 years, so that if 123 millions had to be sent abroad in payment of interest, some 17 millions would go into circulation at home, and the difference would more than suffice to perpetuate and accentuate the era of inflated prices. But there is another aspect of the matter. If 320 millions be borrowed abroad at 4 per cent, with a preliminary period of 5 years and a redemption period of 50 years, the country would be free of the debt at the time that it has handed back 711 millions in principal and interest to its creditors, thus paying a clear sum of 391 millions for accommodation to the extent of 320 millions. Of course there is still another aspect. Suppose that 70 millions of the borrowed money are devoted to unproductive purposes—military and naval armaments—and 250 millions to productive enterprises which give an average net return of 5 per cent during 55 years of the 55 year period. Then the total earnings of the various enterprises would aggregate 500 millions, covering the 50 years, and so it would appear that the clear gain on the whole transaction is 151 millions. Still nothing can alter the fact that, in the sequel of such a transaction, 391 million yen would have flowed out of the country, from which it appears that such operations are not to be undertaken with a light heart.—*Japan Mail*.

JAPANESE JOTTINGS.

(From Japanese Papers.)

THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKS IN JAPAN. According to a veraculous paper, during last year some 25,000 books were published in Japan. Of this number 5,000 dealt with law and only 1,500 with religion.

THE PRISON EXPENDITURE. The Liberal party has under consideration a proposal to make a representation to the Government calling for the transfer of prison expenditure from the local to national revenue. It is probable that the motion will be introduced early next month.

A BANDIT SUCCESS IN FORMOSA. A party consisting of a sergeant and eight privates, who were escorting mails from Sankhok to Koroton, Formosa, on the 25th ult., was attacked by bandits, who suddenly fired from an ambush. The sergeant and three privates were killed instantly, and the remainder had a very narrow escape.

THE NEW CHINESE MINISTER. Mr. Li Shing-to, new Chinese Minister to Tokyo, was received in audience by the Emperor on the morning of the 20th inst., when he presented his credentials and also a decoration forwarded to the Emperor. Subsequently Mr. Li was given an audience by the Empress.

OPPOSITION TO A GOVERNOR. A Tokushima dispatch states that on the 20th inst. the Tokushima Prefectural Assembly, having discovered what it believed to be strong evidence that Mr. Yamada, the Governor of the prefecture, had suggested the organization of a movement for increase of the land tax, unanimously adopted a vote of want of confidence in the Governor, and, returning all the Bills before the assembly, dispersed after shouting *Banzai* for the Emperor.

SPECIAL RICE TRANSPORT TRAINS. The *Osaka Mainichi* states that the Sanyo Railway Company has been running special trains between Hyogo and Nishinomiya for the transportation of rice which has been arriving at Hyogo Station from Bantshu and the West to the extent of some 16,000 bags daily. Now that the transport of rice from Bantshu is almost finished the cereal is beginning to pour in from Okayama and the neighbourhood.

THE IMPORT OF SALTED FISH. The Liberals have introduced a Bill into the House of Representatives to amend the new Customs Tariff by striking out the item of salted fish, on which it is proposed to levy a duty of 15 per cent. The object is to encourage the Japanese fishery on the Siberian coast, which again results in large exports of Japanese goods to Siberia. The vernacular papers call 15 per cent a prohibitive duty. If such be the case, what are we to say of the duty on whisky, which stands at 40 per cent, or of that on hams, which is 15 per cent? But then, of course, these latter articles are only used by foreigners.

LABOURERS FOR HAWAII. The Kumamoto Emigration Company has a contract to supply 1,657 labourers for Hawaii, to be dispatched before the close of the year, and emigrants are being engaged from Nigata, Fukushima, Miyagi, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Okayama, Oita and Fukuoka. The Kumamoto people at one time enjoyed a good reputation in Hawaii, being ranked with those from Hiroshima. Since last year, however, it is stated that many Kumamoto people were found to act in a disorderly manner, and therefore no Kumamoto men will be sent for the present. Five hundred and twelve labourers engaged by the Moroka Emigration Company left Kobe by the *Tartar* for Honolulu on the 20th inst.

PERING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 10th.

THE APPOINTMENT OF HU YU-FEN as Director-General of the railroad from Tientsin to Chinkiang is welcomed in all circles in this city. H.E. Hu himself is quite willing to undertake the work and as two responsible corporations are financing the road, its success is assured. Hu's appointment is due to the influence of Li Hung-chang in part, and also due to his successful management as Director-General of the Tientsin-Shanghai line.

A DEFENCE OF LI HUNG-CHANG. The concession recently granted Mr. Pritchard Morgan to explore the mines of Szechuan as well as to build railways necessary for mining enterprises, is also due to the influence of Li Hung-chang. Those persons who have been blackguarding Li as the enemy to all English interests will have to account for the granting of the concession to the Anglo-Italian syndicate to work Shansi, before everyone will believe that Li is an anti-English as represented. At the present moment he is after Jung Lu, the most influential man in the Empire. It is a curious coincidence that, immediately after his last interview with the Dowager Empress, Wang Tung-ho and Wu Ta-chang should have been cashiered for ever. The former old fossil was the principal obstacle to progress for many years. The latter, as the edict cashiering him recites, a tremendous boaster with nothing to boast of. Both well deserve their perpetual retirement.

THE TSUNG LI YAMEN. The completion of the Tsung Li Yamén at present is one to cause grave concern. It is the first foreigner to the last degree. The Tsung Li Yamén formerly of Whiu, recently added to the body is a particularly disagreeable and insulting man. Hsu Ching-cheng, ex-Minister to Germany, is the only man in the Yamén who knows how to be even decent to the Foreign Ministers. Old Chung Li, the Peking *Titu*, who is a member of the Yamén, is just such another fossil as Wang Tung-ho, without Wang's courtly politeness, however. A number of robberies of foreign houses have taken place in the last few months, all of which have in due course been reported to the Tsung Li Yamén and by that Yamén referred to the *Titu*, but we have yet to learn of a single article being recovered or the loss made good.

STUDIED INACTION. We recently heard the American Minister say he had reported four robberies of Americans to the Yamén but beyond promises to recover nothing has been done. The *gendarmes* of Peking is rotten to the core, more rotten if possible than the usual purely native administration.

THE WALL IS CLOSED. The Foreign Minister is a bit piqued to find their liberty of walking on the city wall has been curtailed. Several Ministers have recently been refused permission to promenade on the wall. The authorities say the Empress Dowager herself has issued orders forbidding promenade on the wall. This is an annoyance in retaliation for not removing the foreign soldiers.

HEALTH MATTERS. The three soldiers of the U.S. Marine Guard who have come down with small pox are all being cared for by the sisters at the Nan Tang, and are reported to be doing well. Dr. Dehève, who was attending them, became ill and it was feared he too had the disease but a few days proved it to be an ordinary attack of fever and he is now about again. A quarrel of aliphathic exists in the city, due it is said to the remarkably open weather.

THE PROPOSED MUSEUM. Mr. Gustav Niederlein visited this city last week in the interest of the International Commercial Museum and had an interview with the Tsung Li Yamén. They gave him a very lukewarm reception and while protesting their willingness to aid him to the extent of their power, claimed that the country was not ripe yet for extending to any marked degree commercial museum enterprise. However they promised to instruct all the Viceroy and Governors of provinces to aid as far as possible in introducing Mr. Niederlein to the merchants and to assist in power. Tung Yu-shiang's Kansu soldiers are reported to be nearly all moved away, but we still see a few of them daily in the Southern city.

WE WONDER WHAT TUNG TUNG SAY when he learns that Hu Yu-fen is to build another of those cursed railroads. We, Pekingites or capitalists as we prefer to be called are beginning to be proud of our Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building. It is time for the Russo-Chinese Bank to imitate or perhaps go one better. We expect to have a lively winter in Peking. Twenty-one English Legation students, seven young men in the Customs, and eight new professors in.

THE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY. The latter institution is still unopened, so to speak, but we are informed desks are now nearly completed and the entrance examination about to take place—so be it.—*N. C. D. News Cor.*

SOLDIERS & SAILORS INSTITUTE. The Rev. G. R. Vallings, Chairman, acknowledges with thanks the following donations towards the Fund for new furniture, etc.:

Capt. King-Hall, H.M.S. *Narcissus* \$10
Capt. Comdr. Hon. G. Hardinge, H.M.S. *Rattler* 5
Comdr. W. Smythe, H.M.S. *Linnæ* 5
Lt. Comdr. Dornier, H.M.S. *Pigmy* 5

NOTANDA. Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1897.

Barometer 29.818
Thermometer 80.1
Humidity 77
Rainfall 8.8

TO-DAY. WEATHER REPORT. On Friday, 30th December, 1898.

Barometer 30.13
Thermometer 62
Humidity 71
Rainfall 59

TO-DAY. Friday, 30th December, 1898. Chinese—18th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.

Moon—*Apogee* 5hr. a.m.
High water—*Morning* 5hr. 55min.
Afternoon 5hr. 55min.
Low water—*Morning* 5hr. 55min.
Afternoon 5hr. 55min.

ANNIVERSARIES. 1852—Pope annexed.
1854—All slaves of the Portuguese Crown declared free.
1874—Prince Alfonso proclaimed King of Spain.
1880—Grand Naval Review at Talmahat.

1893—Grand Concert at Government Civil Hospital.
1896—Dr. Rizal shot at Manila for complicity in the rebellion.

TO-MORROW. Saturday, 31st December, 1898. (St. Silvester.)

Chinese—19th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.
High water—*Afternoon* 5hr. 25min.
and 10hr. 30min.
Low water—*Morning* 5hr. 25min.
Afternoon 5hr. 55min.

ANNIVERSARIES. 1862—The town clock first started to usher in 1863.

1870—Lord W. H. Bentinck died.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED. French (*Laos*) 1st prox.
Australian (*Chungshu*) 5th prox.
Australian (*Guthrie*) 8th prox.
American (*City of Peking*) 20th prox.
American (*Gadic*) 21st prox.

THE O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tantalus* from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of 28th instant, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 3rd proximo.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Ship	Agent
<i>Isidore</i>	Whampoa Dock
<i>H.L.G.M.S. Kaiser</i>	"
<i>Chowshan</i>	"
<i>Bygd</i>	"
<i>H.L.G.M.S. Mowee</i>	"
<i>H.L.G.M.S. Gifon</i>	"
<i>Ask</i>	"
<i>H.L.G.M.S. K. Ate</i>	"
<i>Athenian</i>	"
<i>Hainan</i>	"
<i>Isla de Cuba</i>	"
<i>Isla de Luzon</i>	"
<i>Anigo</i>	"
<i>Olo</i>	"
<i>Hallberg</i>	"
<i>Pakshan</i>	Cosmopolitan
<i>Flankon</i>	"
<i>Haitan</i>	Aberdeen
<i>Chowat</i>	"

SWATOW.

Arrivals. from Agents.
Dec. 28 *Changchueh* Amoy I.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Formosa* Amoy I.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Haitan* Hongkong I.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Wuchang* Wuhu B. & S.
29 *Shengking* Wuhu B. & S.
Departures. for Agents.
Dec. 28 *Chefoo* Amoy & Shai. B. & S.
28 *Dechangchueh* S'pore I.Y.S. & Co.
28 *Changchueh* S'pore I.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Singai* Shanghai B. & S.
29 *Formosa* Hongkong I.Y.S. & Co.
29 *Haitan* Amoy I.Y.S. & Co.
IN PORT—*Pastling*, *Wuchang*, *Shengking*.

PASSED THE CANAL. Outward—Dec. 6th *Tantalus*; Dec. 9th *Sikh*, *Socatra*, *Vladimir*; Dec. 13th *Patricius*, *Nipman* Isd.; Dec. 16th *Sorin*, *Vine*, *Branch*; Dec. 20th *Glenesk*, *Prusen*, *Etrickdale*; Dec. 23rd *Wilmington*, *Haitan*, *Tombah*; Dec. 27th *Manila*.

Homeward—Dec. 27th *Bannoch*, *Onpach*.

"GO AND TELL THE OTHERS."

There were eleven of us in all, four women and seven men. We were passengers on board the sailing ship *Black Swallow*, 600 tons, bound from London to Calcutta. The crew had mutinied and mutinied on an Amsterdam Island—a great, black rock in the Indian Ocean. Ten days passed. We had consumed most of our provisions and all our water. Thus far we had only water from the island. No rain from the heavens fell on the sea. I saw no land. We were crawling like insects in a drought. You have read of the tortures of thirst. My fortune on this journey was to be a mother of sorrows.

One more attempt; the last. Two of the men—the least feebly—started. Hours went by, hours that mole like hammers and burned like ovens of molten lead. Exhausted and despairing the men lay down on a spring half hidden under a remote cliff. Each took a few strokes. Then one of them fell fainting on the ground, just able to say to his companion, "Go—go tell the others!"

People say that suffering is the mother of wisdom. Often it is, not always, thank God. Any war, the sense of relief over glows with gratitude and pity. Read the following—a woman's story—and you will see why the two are paired in my mind.

"From my childhood I have been subject to heartache and distress. At the age of seventeen I was very weak and ill. My tongue was furred, my appetite was lost, and I felt as if I were no strength; I was always tired. My hands and feet were cold and clammy, and my skin of a creamy hue. One day, whilst in service at Mrs. Smith's, Park Road, I was called to my home. On arriving there I had great pain and suffering at the heart; I could scarcely stand, it so lightened my mother that she gave some neighbours to assist me to the doctor's. He said, 'Your heart is in a shocking state!'

"If I gave me medicine, but I was not relieved by them. Getting worse I gave up my situation, being too ill to leave home. Soon I was seized with a most cruel and irritating of the throat and chest; I could get no sleep on account of it. I would sit up in bed until daylight coughing and spitting, and was of course very tired when I went to bed. My legs trembled so that I could not stand or move much; I was not able to wash or dress myself. In this condition I remained month after month, growing weaker daily. On one occasion I was so bad that my mother thought I was dying, and fetched Mrs. Renior, a neighbour, saying, 'Do come and help me!'

"In January, 1890, I went to the Dewsbury Infirmary, where I was under treatment for six weeks. The doctor gave me iron mixture and other tonics, but they had no effect. Other young girls were there, being treated for ailments like mine, to as little purpose as far as I could see.

"I next tried change of air, and went to Ball's, also to Daltry, without benefit. I continued to waste away, and people said I would never recover. In May, 1891, I first read of Mother Selge's Bypur, in a book that was left at our house.

"Mother got me a bottle from Mr. J. Day, the chemist, Thornhill Lane, and I began taking it. After taking only a few doses I found a little relief, the heaviness at my chest and the pain at my heart were easier, and my food digested and agreed with me. I now grew stronger every day and was soon able to go back to my work. But I kept on taking the Bypur still, and to the surprise of every one, the colour came to my cheeks, and I have since enjoyed the best of health. All my family were delighted as you may well believe. (Signed) Miss Elanah Miles, 18, Walker's Buildings, Brewery Lane, Thornhill Lane, Dewsbury, October 12th, 1892.

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HAKATA MARU	MAKESBILLS, LONDON & ANT. THURSDAY, 5th Jan, at 4 P.M.	

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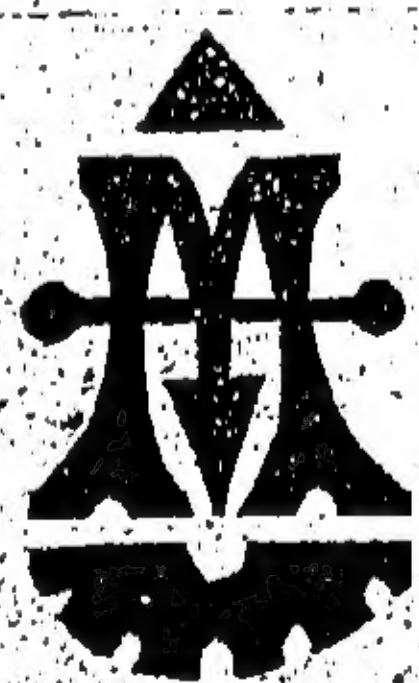
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1898.

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AMERICA MARU...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...Saturday, 4th March, 1899.

HONGKONG MARU...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...at Noon.

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"AMERICA MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th January, 1899, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Hongkong, 5th November, 1898.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1898.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898.

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